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## FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

JEFF ZENISEK (Head Coach, 2nd year, 6-3)

Jeff Zenisek, who joined CWU's coaching staff in 1990 as its defensive coordinator and defensive back coach, begins his second season as head coach this fall. In his first season, he guided a very young team to a 6-3 record.

Zenisek, who coached the defensive backs last year, will coach the inside linebackers and also serve as defensive coordinator in addition to handling the head coaching duties.

Zenisek, 34, is a former CWU player. He played offensive center in 1980 and 1981. He earned all-district honors and was CWU's Best Blocker award winner in the latter season.

A native of Dubois, Wyo., he graduated from Pinedale High School in Wyoming in 1977. At Pinedale, he lettered in football, basketball and track. In football, he earned all-conference honors at linebacker and was voted Team Captain and the Best Blocker award.

Zenisek played one season at Wenatchee Valley College and one season at Mt. Hood CC before enrolling at CWU where he earned a BA degree in education in 1983 and a MA in education in 1985.

Prior to joining the CWU staff, he was the head coach at Orcas Island High School for four years. He compiled a 19-17 won-loss record and twice (1987 & 1989) was voted Coach-of-the-Year. He also earned Coach-of-the-Year honors in girls basketball (1988-89). In four years his teams won 59 games and lost 31. His 1988-89 team won a league title and his 1989-90 team placed ninth in the state tournament.

He also previously served two seasons at CWU (1982-83) and two at Washington State University (1984-85) as a graduate assistant coach.

Misc.: Born 2-8-59 at Riverton. Married. Wife's name is Robin. They have a one-year-old Romanian-born adopted daughter, Jordan.

GREG OLSON (Offensive Coordinator, 4th year)

Greg Olson, 31, completed his fourth season last fall as CWU's offensive coordinator and quarterback coach. Prior to joining the CWU coaching staff, he was a graduate assistant at Washington State for three seasons.

He coached the defensive backs at WSU for one season and was the linebacker coach for two years. He also coached running backs at Spokane Falls CC in 1986.

Olson played quarterback here in 1983 and 1984. In two seasons, he completed 90 of 173 passes for 1,154 yards and 12 touchdowns.

He is a 1981 graduate of Richland High School. At Richland, he lettered in football, baseball and wrestling. In football, he earned all-conference honors at quarterback and linebacker.

He played two seasons at Spokane Falls, earning all-conference quarterback honors in 1982, prior to transferring to Central.

He earned a BA degree from CWU in 1986 and a MS in physical education from Washington State in 1990.

Last year, his offense led the nation among NAIA Division 2 schools averaging 517.0 yards per game, including 318 yards passing. Sophomore quarterback Jon Kitna was among the nation's passing leaders with 3,241 yards in 11 games and 29 touchdown passes.

Misc.: Completed his second season as CWU's head wrestling coach this winter. Guided 'Cats to 19th place national finish last winter/ CWU was surprise team of national tournament this winter placing sixth. . . . Born 3-1-63 at Richland. Married. Wife Lissa (Gray) is an assistant track coach at the University of Washington and a former standout hurdler and high jumper at WSU.

SKIP ASHLEY (Running Backs, 1st year)

Skip Ashley, 22, begins his first season as an assistant coach this fall and will be in charge of the running backs.

Ashley is a 1989 graduate of Sumner High School where he played two years of football and competed in track-and-field for two years. In football, he played quarterback and he competed in the long jump in track-and-field.

His previous coaching experience included a year as a student coach at Sumner where he worked with the wide receivers. He also coached track-and-field in the spring of 1992 at Thomas Jefferson High School, working with the hurdlers.

Misc: Born 10-12-70 at Puyallup. Is finishing up work on mathematics degree at CWU. Is engaged to be married to CWU trainer Julie Claflin.

CHARLES CHANDLER (Wide Receivers , 7th year)

Charles Chandler begins his seventh season on the CWU coaching staff. He is in charge of the wide receivers.

Chandler, 31, was a standout wide receiver for CWU in 1984 and 1985. In 1985, he caught 38 passes for 605 yards. The 38 catches is the eighth best mark in school history and the 605 yards ranks seventh on the all-time list.

He earned second team All-Evergreen Conference honors and was an honorable mention All-Northwest pick. He also played two seasons at Olympic CC.

Chandler was also a three-year track letterman at CWU. He won the 110 meter high hurdles at both the 1986 and 1987 district meets and represented CWU at the national meet in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

He was CWU's Track MVP in 1985, Team Captain in 1986 and 1987 and Most Inspirational Award winner in 1987.

For the past four seasons, Chandler has served as CWU's men's and women's head track-and-field coach. He was an assistant track coach at Lake Washington High School (Kirkland) in 1983 and was head coach in 1984.

He led CWU's men to 17th place finishes in the 1991 and 1992 national meets. His 1990 men's team placed 18th in the national meet.

Misc.: Born 2-7-62 at Seattle. Earned degree in sociology from CWU in 1988. Has three brothers and eight sisters. Brother Vernell played football and baseball at CWU in mid 1960s.

BRUCE WALKER (Offensive Line, 6th year)

Bruce Walker, 32, begins his fourth season as offensive line coach this fall. For the previous two years, he coached the defensive line. He also serves the university as its Director of Athletic Development.

Walker graduated from Eastmont High School in 1978 where he earned All-Mid Valley League honors at linebacker and center. He then played two seasons at Yakima Valley College prior to enrolling at CWU.

Walker, who was a two-year starter here at center in the 1980 and 1981 seasons, earned a BA in business administration from CWU in 1983 and a MS in 1989.

Prior to returning to CWU in the fall of 1988, he worked as an investment broker.

Misc.: Born 7-27-60 in Pierre, S.D. Married. Wife's name is Sharryn.

JOHN REED (Tight Ends, 4th year)

John Reed, 33, will coach the outside linebackers this fall for the fourth year while he works toward a degree in physical education.

Reed is a 1978 graduate of Fort Vancouver High School where he lettered in football and wrestling.

For the four years prior to joining the CWU coaching staff, he had been an assistant football coach at Columbia River High School in Vancouver and he coached wrestling at Mt. View High School in 1987 and 1988.

He also coached football, wrestling and girls track at Jason Lee Junior High School in Vancouver between 1979 and 1986.

Reed earned a AA degree from Clark CC in Vancouver in 1990 prior to transferring to Central.

Misc: Born 8-18-59 at Olympia.

JOHN PICHA (Defensive Line, 5th year)

John Picha begins his fifth season on the CWU coaching staff this fall. He will coach the defensive line.

In 1988 and 1989, he coached the tight ends. He then coached the defensive line in 1990 before taking a year off. He then returned to the staff last fall.

A 1984 graduate of Rogers High School in Puyallup, Picha is a former two-year letterman for the Wildcats.

He earned honorable mention all-league honors in 1987 and was the recipient of CWU's Best Blocker award in 1986.

Picha played two seasons at Wenatchee Valley College before enrolling at CWU, earning second team NWAACC honors during his sophomore season.

In 1987 he started all 10 games at center for CWU as the Wildcats averaged 252.7 yards rushing and set a CFA record with 34 rushing touchdowns.

Misc: Born 2-9-66 at Puyallup. Brother Tom played football at UPS and is head coach at Bellarmine High School. Also has three sisters.

NICK SNYDER (Outside Linebackers, 2nd year)

Nick Snyder, a former CWU All-American linebacker, is in his second season as an assistant on the CWU coaching staff.

Snyder, 28, worked with the defensive backs last fall. This fall he will be in charge of the outside linebackers.

Snyder is a 1984 graduate of Port Townsend High School where he lettered in football and wrestling. In football, he was a three-time all-league performer and was the league MVP his senior season. In wrestling he placed sixth and second at 190 pounds in his junior and senior seasons at the state meet.

He then played two seasons at Wenatchee Valley before transferring to CWU. After sitting out the 1986 season because of a motorcycle accident, he earned honorable mention All-American honors in 1987 when he set CWU single-season records for primary tackles (81) and total tackles (116). He was also named the Mt. Rainier League C0-Defensive Player of the Year. He also earned first team all-league honors in 1988.

Snyder was voted CWU's Most Inspirational award winner in 1988 and won the Best Tackler award in both 1987 and 1988.

Misc.: Born 7-13-65 at Port Townsend. Has two brothers and two sisters.

ARTIE HOLMES (Defensive Backs, 1st year)

Artie Holmes, who played two seasons with the New York Jets in the NFL, will begin his first season this fall as CWU's defensive backfield coach.

Holmes, 27, played four seasons at Washington State University. He was an All-Pac 10 first team pick in 1988 at free safety and also earned honorable mention All-American honors for the Cougars.

A 1984 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Rialto, Calif., he ended his WSU career as the Cougars' No. 3 all-time leading tackler. He played mostly on the specialty teams during his two-year NFL career.

For the last two years, Holmes coached the defensive backs at Western Washington University. Under his guidance the Vikings had the top-rated pass defense in the Columbia Football Association last year and were ranked second overall on defense.

Holmes played football and basketball and competed in track-and-field in high school. In track, he competed in the pole vault.

He graduated from WSU in 1988 with a degree in sociology. At Central, he is pursuing a master's degree in athletic administration.

Misc: Born 4-27-66 at Panama City, Panama.

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